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JULYOWEEN! That hauntingest part of the summer, when it gets hot like a compost pile and you stay out timelessly late at night pretty much doing nothing. You sleep during the day and wake up, have a popsicle for breakfast. What's your swimming hole style? Do you go to the ocean, where you are never more than 100 feet away from a shark? Do you go to the quarry, where your foot is almost always almost inches away from brushing by a bloated corpse? The lake? GEEZ... If you go to the lake at night, you better be quiet! You wouldn't want to wake... SOMETHING... Suddenly it's cold. So cold. And still. Very still. And quiet. TOO QUIET. Someone shrieks, or maybe they are laughing. Another shriek/laugh, that fills your head only to disappear echoless into the moist abyss... It's your own voice... Someone's holding a knife... It's you...

HOLIDAYS IN JULY

Julyoween isn't about specific holidays, which can be tense with expectation... it's about manifesting the agnostic fog of total possibility that a total nothing throwing-rocks-at-a-tin-can night will bring. Of course there are also observances, and we remember PT Barnum, (b July 5th), Screamin' Jay Hawkins (b July 18th), and Amelia Earhart (b July 24th). And of course, the most important day in July, which is Trinity Day, July 16th.

TRINITY DAY

As a mystery, the Holy Trinity is cool but pretty basic: ok, there's something. Then there's something else. That's two things. Then there's the group of them together, that makes three things. Life, death, life'n'death. Peanut butter, jelly, goobergrape. It's cute, and maybe more than that, but it's not really "a mystery" the way, I don't know, "As Above, So Below" or "who killed Albert Ayler?" is a mystery. The slipperiness of numbers, identity, language, thought, and being should be obvious to anyone who was ever told that the thumb is not a finger but a part of the wrist. Anyway, Trinity day isn't (directly) named after the Holy Trinity- it's the day when the first atomic device (The Bomb) was first detonated, at the Trinity Test Site, near Alamogordo New Mexico. And say what you will about The Bomb, but at least we can agree that whatever it is, it's at least that to such a degree that you pretty much have to constantly pretend it doesn't exist just to keep plugging along, recycling, and doing whatever else is going to ultimately not matter. "After the initial euphoria of witnessing the explosion passed, test director Kenneth Bainbridge commented to Los Alamos director J. Robert Oppenheimer, 'Now we are all sons of bitches.'" YOU SAID IT, KENNETH.

Of course, it should be stated that The Bomb didn't make the lemonade of the future not delicious.

LEMONADE IN THE NEWS

Yes. In Rhode Island, people are pretty psyched on lemonade, which is cool, except that mostly it's for this one brand of frozen lemonade that you get from a truck. Hey, I like it. I like to get stuff from a truck. This is not about not liking it. But you see the truck, and it's hot outside, and you get the frozen lemonade- it's nice, but it's not... refreshing? It's very cold in your brain, and very sugary, it's kind of a lot of work for your body to do? But a beverage is nice, as we all know, and it's important to stay hydrated- depression can too-easily grab a foothold in a dehydrated brain. Also, I think that just carrying a cup of any kind of beverage is a nice feeling, a nice symbol. "The female generative force" in the tarot. Lil' Wayne always has an iconic cup of something, maybe that's why he's the greatest rapper of the Aquarian era. Anyway here's some Mothers News lemonade-ways to try out this lemonade-season:

RESTAURANT WATER: this is just water with a piece of lemon in it. A slightly fancy add that transforms water from a gulping beverage to a sipping beverage that can also be gulped.

SHANDY: This is half lemonade, half lousy beer. You don't have to use lousy beer, but if you use good beer it will only make your beverage more expensive, not more better. The Shandy is a weird and divisive drink to get at a bar, like five steps down in respectability from lite beer, which, incidentally is good and we're all into it. Chip King drinks lite beer and he's our king, the king of where we live- Chipsylvania.

HOT LEMONADE: make lemonade in whatever way is traditional, then put +some+ cayenne pepper in it. Good, cool color. Tastes a little like puking in your mouth, but, uh, that's extreme. I mean "extreme". like, it's a cue that tells your body "I'm X-Gaming" or something. Not refreshing per se, but slightly-invigorating.

PSYCHOLOGICAL LEMONADE: pour yourself a cold glass of regular cola over ice, and hold it in your hand a while. DO NOT LOOK AT IT. Try to convince yourself that it's lemonade. Say "lemonade lemonade" to yourself, or if you're with a buddy, talk about how much you like lemonade, and the qualities of it that you like. Then without thinking too hard about it, take a sip. Tastes weird, right? Like chocolate milk?? Kind of?????

SUMAC "LEMONADE": those sumac trees catch a bad rap but they're pretty cool, springing up in cleared-out but mostly-neglected areas like highway sides and next to swimming pools that no one cares about anymore. Plus the red-purple flowers (technically "drupes") of the Smooth Sumac (*Rhus glabra*) and the Staghorn Sumac (*Rhus typhina*) can be used to make a nice lemony bev (NB: poison sumac has green drupes). You soak the drupes in cool water, rubbing them to extract the essence, strain the liquid through a cotton cloth and sweeten it to taste if at all. Drink while listening to Yma Sumac, and reading Albert Camus.

NON-RECOMMENDATION:

ARIZONA ARNOLD PALMER HALF LEMONADE HALF GREEN TEA: like the regular Arnie, this contains saccharose, but the green tea variant somehow mitigates the chemical edge even less, leading to a bev with the allowe mouthfeel of an entire Japanese convenience store. All the Worcester skateboarders drink the regular Arnies. I think it's partly because it's the only drink you can get at store 24 that doesn't advertise with or overtly pitch to skateboarders. Hey, Do What You Want, but I do not like this drink.

And this is straight-up not lemonade, but i just want to give a shout to THE WOLFRAM, named after Steven Wolfram, author of A New Kind Of Science:

"I have tried to squash into a decade," Wolfram explains while sipping on a pineapple juice and 7-Up, "what might have taken others 50 years to produce."

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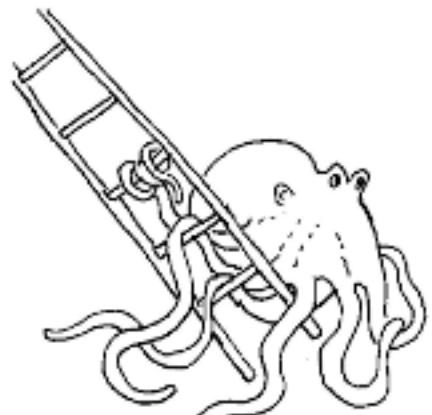
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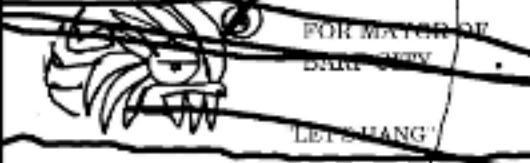


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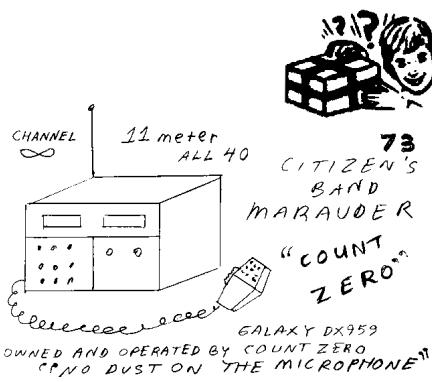
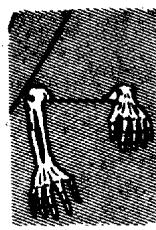
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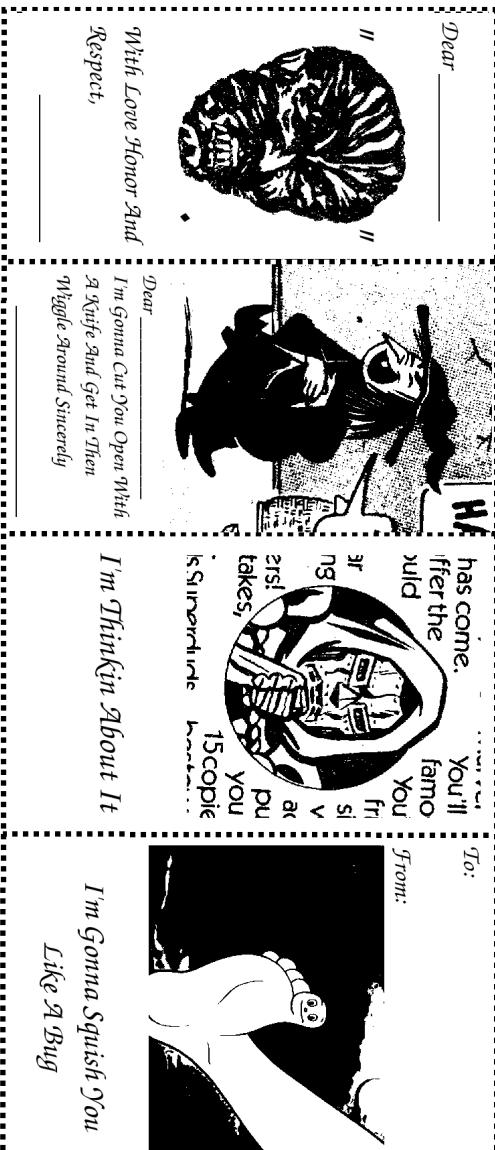
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JULYOWEENTINES CARDS TRADITIONAL

Cut out these Julyoweenines and glue them to colorful construction paper. Fill in yours and your friends's names. Be sure and throw some glitter on there, you need that.



CUT 'EM OUT! CUT 'EM OUT! CUT 'EM OUT!

PSSST! July's password is "TUNGSTEN". If someone asks you for "Mother's good word", that's what it is. If you need a password or something, one that will expire in a month, you may use this password.

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SPOTLIGHT ON: MARYANNE AMACHER



Real Name: Unknown

Identity: Until recent years her existence was unknown to the general public. Lately, after regaining her own body, she appeared publicly but without revealing that she was a vampire.

Legal status: None until recent years; after regaining her body, she obtained American citizenship with the help of forged documents

Former aliases: Angel O'Hara, Lith Drake

Place of birth: Castle Dracula, Wallachia, Transylvania, Romania

Place of death: Somewhere in Transylvania, Romania

Known survivors: Frank Drake (descendant of her father and his second wife), Domini (her father's third wife), Janus (half-brother)

Group affiliation: None

First appearance: GIANT-SIZE CHILLERS #1

Final appearance: DR. STRANGE #62

Maryanne Amacher ("ah mah shay") 1938 - 2009. American Composer and installation artist.

"When played at the right sound level, which is quite high and exciting, the tones in this music will cause your ears to act as neurophonic instruments that emit sounds that will seem to be issuing directly from your head ... (my audiences) discover they are producing a tonal dimension of the music which interacts melodically, rhythmically, and spatially with the tones in the room. Tones 'dance' in the immediate space of their body, around them like a sonic wrap, cascade inside ears, and out to space in front of their eyes ... Do not be alarmed! Your ears are not behaving strange or being damaged! ... these virtual tones are a natural and very real physical aspect of auditory perception, similar to the fusing of two images resulting in a third three dimensional image in binocular perception... I want to release this music which is produced by the listener ..."

Me too! I mean, us all!

SCENE REPORT: CB RADIO

By Count Zero

...9 is the emergency channel, 19 is the unofficial highway channel for east to west, 11 is the same for north to south. 38 is the unofficial international call channel. Channel 6 in more recent years has become known as "The Superbow Channel". This is where people who run massive rigs "key down" or compete to see who is loudest, who can key over other operators, etc. This channel often has a thunderdome feel to it... obsolete technology being used for primitive power competitions.

...Sometimes no one is on or conditions are bad and I will transmit anyway, imagining the waves of energy casting themselves out, locked in the air, encrypted and unheard. When I key off the static rushes in...

In this strangely nuanced sound, sometimes you hear bare and rugged weak signals slipping underneath, heterodyning frequencies of multiple people keying up at the same time... then the needle jumps and a voice cuts through the hash and trash and says a name, maybe a location or numbers and is gone. In fact many people end transmission by saying "I'm back out" or "I'm gone".

This dynamic aspect of form and void, drawing shape from the infinite timeless sound of white noise, is to me cosmic, poetic, desperate and inspiring. Like graffiti, a name rises out of somewhere, public and secret at the same time... marking territory... unusual, ineffable, irrational, and uncontrollable. Delinquent signals that represent the most basic human art... to sign your name.

Imagine a name, invisible in the air, bounding off of energy fields, bending around metals. Imagine the names at war, or forming bonds. This is happening in the room you're sitting in, and everywhere, but you can't unlock the signals without a radio.

CB gear generally has masculine/violent or evocative "power" names... GALAXY, COBRA, MAGNUM, BRUISER, RAIDER, PENETRATOR, SOLARCON, ASTATIC, SUPERSTAR, FIRESTIK, PYRAMID, COLT. A lot of CBers modify their radios, make custom faceplates, use echo effects, or replace stock chrome knobs with light up color changing "Nitro" or "Chameleon" knobs.

Some favorite CB handles I've heard in the past couple months - COFFEE CUP, SWITCHBLADE, LITTLE BIKER, NASTY, CHOKECHAIN, GHETTO KID, MR. RIPOFF, REAL BLACK MAN, GEMINI, MOHAWK, OLD MAN IN A ROCKING CHAIR, CITY GIRL, TIME BOMB, DOG KILLER, SMALLS, OLD THING, NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS NUMBER ONE, MONSTER MAN, POOR BOY, MAYOR OF RIVERSIDE, CLEAN UP MAN, ALABAMA SKIPSHOOTER, GATE KEEPER, CRACK BABY, MAULDROPPER, BLACK VELVET, YOUR FRIEND, SWAMP MONSTER, MAGNOLIA, WALLBANGER, REAL DEAL, SWAGGER WILL, JULIA, BOBCAT, SHOESTRING, NAILDRIVER, VICE GRIP, DR. KNOCKOUT, BLACK CRAB, BASEBALL BAT

There is a lot to learn from people who have been on the radio for a long time. However there's no point in doing it if you can't be creative, and be yourself. Although CB has a history, language, and protocol, you can deny, distort, ignore, abuse or shape this as you would any other creative arena. Talk how you want, do what you want, use your own slang, take your own chances and take the consequences! I myself am an outsider, or half in and half out. You don't have to join anyone's gang. Get into it just for yourself.

Please write to Mothers News for the expanded, informative, and inspirational essay by Count Zero entitled "Getting Started in CB Radio". I'm gone....

GOSSIP SECTION

AMANDA BONE just bought a schoolbus that runs on party vibes. it gets 30 miles to the kegstand... CRISP HADDOCK played show the other night, and broke it off halfway through the set to watch a rerun of "FRIENDS" on the bar television. everyone was pretty into it- during the commercial he'd just wonder aloud what was going to happen... ELIZARETH SKADDEN is playing second guitar in a surf band in Berlin now. Berlin Massachusetts... MIKE STOLTZ has beautiful hands... TODD PURPLE seen at Dinky's pizza buying 8 miscellaneous single pieces instead of a whole pie- he says it tastes better somehow... naturally he was drinking a root beer and a VeryFine at the same time... TIM ALBRO has a new tape out. it's just someone listening to his last tape two rooms away... CYBELE COLLINS is sick of mayonnaise... YO our intrepid distribution staff (me) met COMETBUS the other day, dropping off some newspapers at a fresh bookstore he co-runs. it was raining and I was like, "yo, these newspapers are wet but that's life: wet", he was like "that's ok" and I said "THAT'S LIFE: WET". He was like "THAT'S OK"... and speaking of famous drummers who make books, BRAIN CHIPPENDULL finally finished drawing his new comic book- it got very delayed because of blog wars and arugula harvests but i guess it's at (or near) the press now. it's called "DAREDEVIL 2: SUPERMAN 4 PT 3: FINAL AVENGER YEAR 9". sick... JONES CHANDLER seen in front of the NEW WEST DRAGON trying to half-mack on a parking meter with a coat hanging on it... GOOD LUCK!!!

SOME REVIEWS

THAT KRAFTWERK DOCUMENTARY

Good, very long documentary featuring a ton of people who are so German you pretty much won't believe it. A personal fave is the guy from Kluster, who was filmed in front of his collection of contemporary (post iMac) boomboxes, the kind that look like insect heads. Is that his art? Kraftwerk is still alive but the movie puts them in an interesting light: people that did something so big / influential (possibly by virtue of just being the first people on new territory) that they just plain can't hang out anymore. Weird. The best part was when detroit techno came along and they were like Good Night Irene. "Hey guys, your M.O. just got jamped by a massive cloud of passionate and insane semi-invisible gay urban bass ninjas, so..."

THAT KLAUS NOMI DOCUMENTARY

Super cute and heart-string-pulling movie about this perfect operatic popstar, famous enough to play (1 show) with Bowie, but not famous enough to turn it into any measure of stability or safety. And far too famous to continue his day job- baking pies and tortes in his meager apartment and selling them to local coffee shops?!?! The band was paid in pies. The photographer was paid in pies. A kid: "when you go back to Mars, will you write me a letter?" Klaus Nomi: "OK".

THAT HALF JAPANESE DOCUMENTARY

When I was a kid, and well before I had ever heard actual punk music, I had a really abstract idea of what punk music was like. This was based partly on drawings of punks in MAD magazine (where punks wear raccoon eye make-up, clan diggers, jerk ponchos, and curly-toed renfair jester shoes) and partly on the villainous heavy (?) metal band in "emmet otter's christmas" (the riverbottom nightmare band). I knew that hard rock was 'about' being wild and crazy, but I felt like they actually /weren't/ "really" wild and crazy, they were technically skilled musicians diligently performing carefully composed material. I thought punk would throw everything out the window- rhythm, harmony, decency, cleverness, and even unto loudness, abrasiveness, etc., cut to me in junior high, finally hearing the Sex Pistols and being seriously disappointed that it was just chuck berry again / still (and i like chuck berry!). years later I heard half japanese and it was amazing- I knew this. I had been waiting to hear this for a very long time, anyway this documentary is cool but a bummer in that people talk in such hyperbole that you get the feeling they could just be saying it as a joke. half japanese is one of the most important bands of my life. still, I don't think you should be killed if you don't like them. I mean, do whatever you want!

ROBOCOP 2

OK but it's not ROBOCOP THE FIRST ONE. the best part is when The Corporation is trying to build another robocop by putting the brain parts of a human inside a variety of robotic shells and one by one they all commit different varieties of killing everyone in the room then killing themselves. best to just watch this part with some friends, and then sit down and imagine the rest of the movie. also the drug is called "nuke". Peter Weller (who played both robocop and buckaroo bonzai) is currently finishing a Ph.D. at UCLA, in Italian Renaissance art history. you go girl!

MOTHERS NEWS TOP TEN

1. Missoula Oblangata "The Daughter of the Father of Time Motion Study" cool play
2. a pile of Judge Dredd comics. cool pile.
3. Akira 1 - 6. crucial reread. the movie is good, the books are awesome and they deal with an increasingly complicated web of characters in a great way- by making nothing matter.
4. Krazy Kat assorted reprint collections. blissful iterations of reliable turmoil. arguably the first "cat and mouse" comic, which somehow upends the very everything of that basic trope, before it even has time to trope, like if bizarro superman came first, and was heartbreakingly beautiful funny intricate and sad.
5. photographs of RAEKWON THE CHEF especially in the supermarket.
6. CAN'T / JESSICA RYLAN on a mixtape
7. a sandwich that is JUST SPINACH AND MUSTARD, with so much spinach that you have to bite-grip the sandwich the whole time and if you put it down everything explodes. also mustard on both pieces of bread.
8. ABBA. flip the tape. flip the tape. flip the tape.
9. CAMEO in the electrofunk era, especially the video for WORD UP (co)starring LEVAR BURTON. "don't even think about it!"

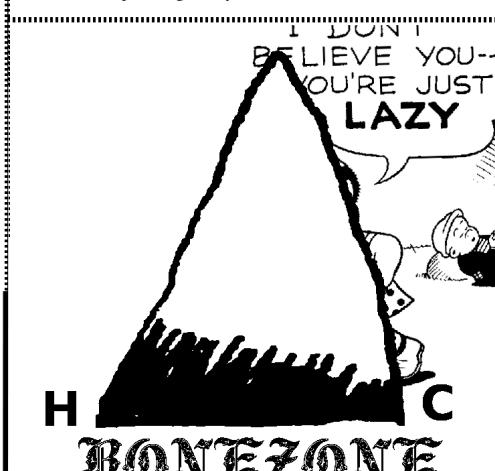
HAT NEWS: never did find that hat, but Baby Bear gave me one almost identical to it. Big up, Baby Bear!

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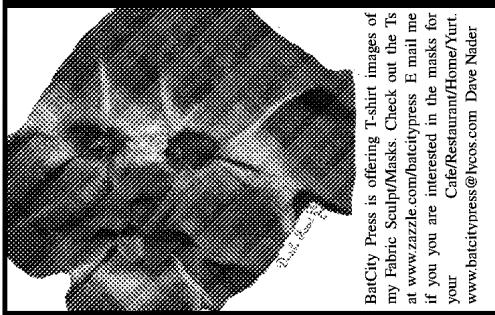
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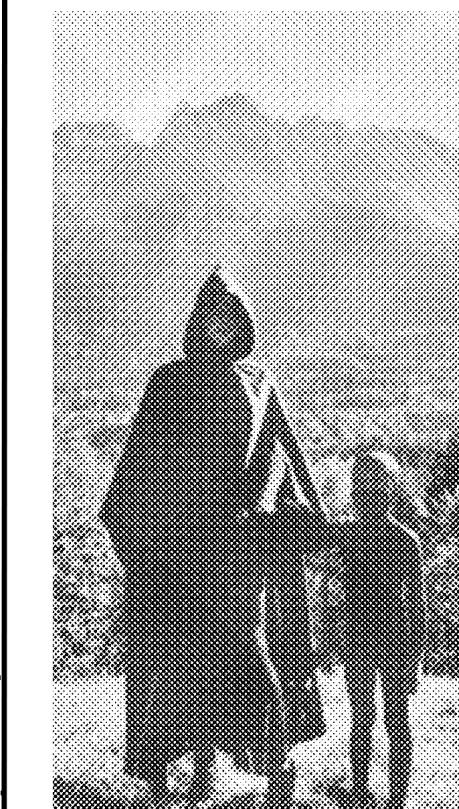


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Fireman giving 'kiss of life' accidentally inhales kitty

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"A brave fireman was rushed to the hospital for injuries suffered in the line of duty after he swallowed a tiny kitten while trying to revive it with the kiss of life," the "Sun" reports in its Sept. 7 issue. Firefighter Sven Larsen, 31, was inside a burning warehouse near Stockholm, Sweden, when he found



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